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ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL LAUNCHES *POWER TO SAVE*
PROGRAM; HOSTS SENATE ENERGY FAIR OCTOBER 8

WASHINGTON – October is Energy Awareness Month. On October 8, the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) will launch its new energy awareness program: *Power to Save*.

“We believe we should be leaders in the national effort to conserve energy, and as stewards of the Capitol complex, we will continue to do our part to make this goal a reality in our facilities,” said Acting Architect of the Capitol Stephen T. Ayers, AIA. “You can help us make a difference.”

The AOC will be providing tools and tips on its new *Power to Save* Web site and using other communications vehicles to encourage Capitol Hill offices to select and operate the most efficient office equipment; to switch out old technology for new; and to work together to do small tasks that can add up to big results. Additional information will be delivered via electronic newsletters, Web videos, graphic animations, and downloadable fact sheets and brochures. To learn more about the AOC’s *Power to Save* program, please visit www.aoc.gov/powertosave.

In addition, on October 8, the AOC, along with the Committees on Rules and Administration, Energy and Natural Resources, Environment and Public Works, and the Senate Superintendent’s Office will be hosting the **first annual Senate Energy Fair in room SD-G50, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The Energy Fair will include local utility companies, the Senate Sergeant at Arms, and the Secretary of the Senate. Information will be provided on energy saving and greening initiatives/projects which will help reduce the carbon footprint of the Senate Office Buildings.

Those attending will see plants from the U.S. Botanic Garden that use fewer natural resources; learn more about saving energy versus energy myths; discover cost-effective and innovative energy practices for work and home; see a demonstration by the Senate Sergeant at Arms on how IT technology can reduce energy use, and learn about the AOC's past and future energy-saving projects.

"Each and every day the AOC is working to make the Capitol complex more energy efficient and environmentally friendly. We believe our *Power to Save* program will help us continue to meet the energy and environmental goals set by Congress," noted Ayers.

We have the Power to Save Energy!

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